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# Fugitive Arrested for Online Solicitation of a Minor

Date: March 3, 2022

Location: 3714 Moonlight

Offender: 46 –year old Bobbie Lee Lankford

Charge: Fugitive from Justice; no bond

EL PASO, Texas — The Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) unit received a request for assistance from the Rainbow City, Alabama Police Department. During an Online Solicitation of a Minor operation, an undercover Rainbow City Police investigator posing as a minor was contacted by a person later identified as 46 –year old Bobbie Lee Lankford of El Paso. Lankford sent explicitly lewd messages, and nude photographs of himself to a person he believed to be a 13-year-old female. Rainbow City Police requested assistance in the execution of two arrests warrants for Lankford and the seizure of electronic communication devices used for the solicitation of a minor. Yesterday morning, El Paso Police ICAC detectives along with agents from the Homeland Security Investigations Human Trafficking and Child Exploitation Taskforce executed a search warrant at 3714 Moonlight. Lankford was arrested and subject devices were seized. Lankford was booked into the El Paso County Detention Facility under two warrants for Fugitive from Justice.

Based on preliminary forensic examination of the devices, additional charges are expected to be filed.



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